

Our Story





Words from our mission and
words from our children:



We believe that children learn best in an inclusive, creative community that encourages individual risk-taking and values different ways of learning.



Children take creative risks in a safe environment.

“Everybody had the courage to do their funny part.”



“All you have to do to have a good performance is picture the place you’re acting.”



“You shouldn’t be afraid.”



“It teaches you how to act and discipline and how to make your voice strong.... “



We cultivate our students' intrinsic motivation to learn and their active participation in the learning process.



Hard work is the currency of growth: magic is the motivator.

“When you try hard, and you just try your best, it might bring out the magic.”



“It’s fun to do stuff you’ve never done before.”



“You can change. You can get more mature. Your interest can change.”



“It helps you learn in a fun way that
you want to learn.”



“You get to act, and you get to sing,
and you kind of get to be creative.”



Children learn the strength of collaboration from a very young age.

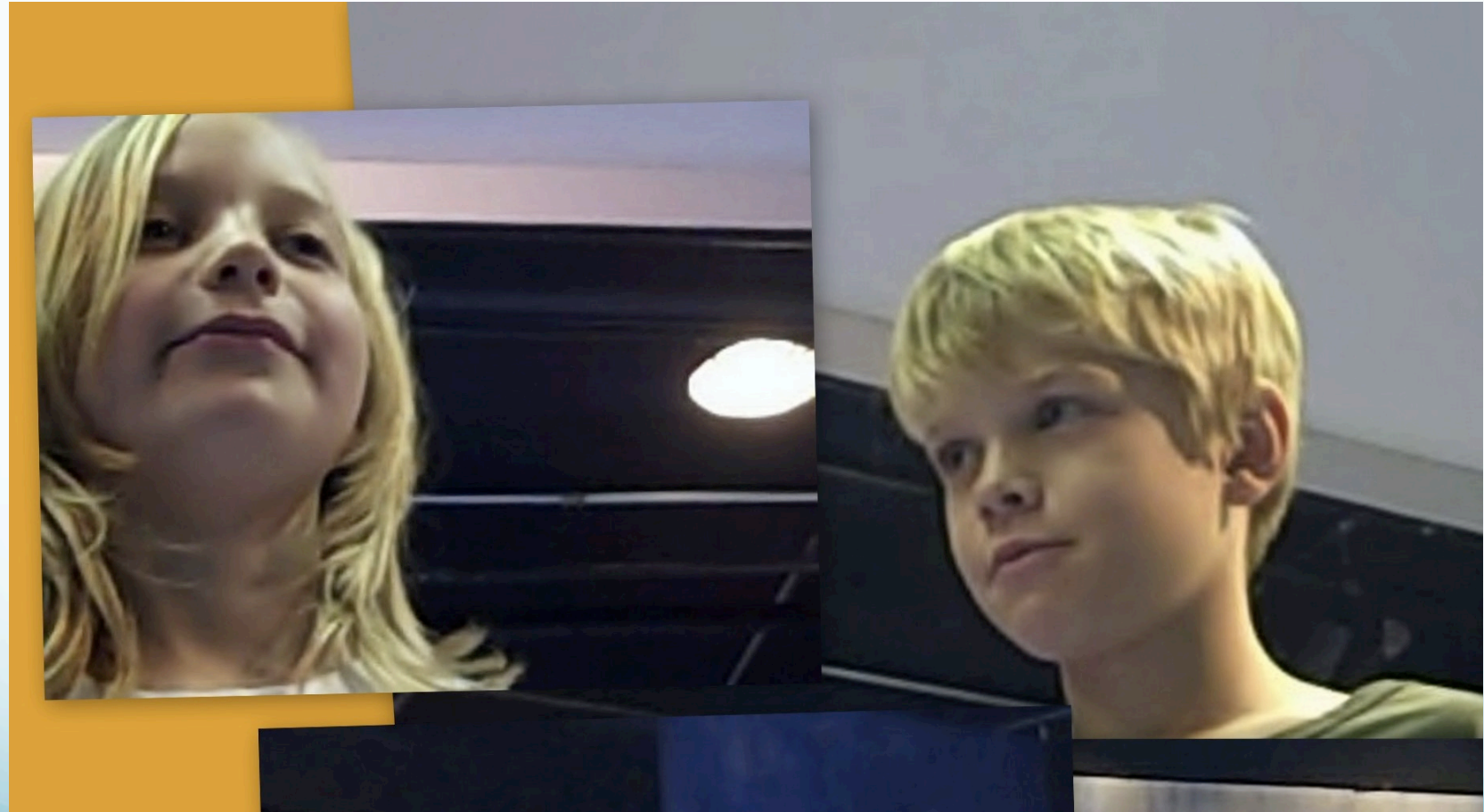


Adults and children learn collaboration by doing.

“All the kids got to participate.”



“I got to argue with Allison.”



“Everyone was so good at it!”



“...and it always teaches you, don't be bossy,
make your own move and be creative.”



**Baker students discover who they are and
how they learn, and that others have
different yet equal qualities.**

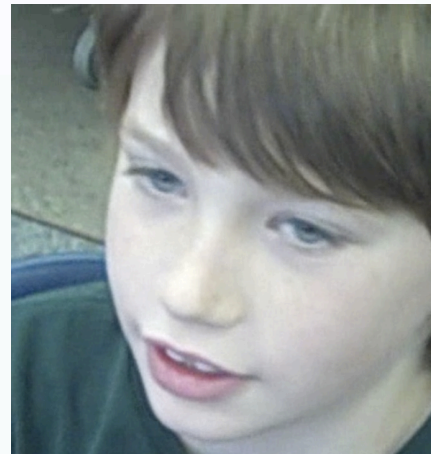


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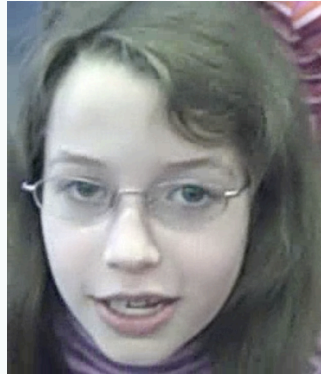
“I can’t believe I actually did this play! I was really proud of myself.”



“I couldn’t believe how much hard work I put into it, and how much...I got out of it.”



“It’s amazing how kids could do so much good acting compared to grownups.”



Why teach this way? What do the kids get out of it? What do we want them to learn?

- How can educators and artists collaborate effectively, making certain everyone's ideas are heard?
- How can teachers let students lead the curriculum while also covering what needs to be done?

Quotes from kids this year and last:

- "I've never written so much in my life! I feel so free!!"
- "The antagonist is the juicy guy- you know, like Hades?"
- "Hey, all heroes have like sidekicks, you know? They need helpers."
- "You know what? There's so many weird similarities between Harry Potter and Percy Jackson. Can we make a list?"
- "Hades is like Voldemort. They're both evil but kind of misunderstood, you know?"
- "Maybe the witch in Hansel and Gretel was just hungry and didn't know how to hunt. Cannibalism is still gross though."